

**Stephen F. Austin State University**  
**Faculty Senate Minutes – Meeting #456**  
**Wednesday, November 14, 2018**  
**STEM 401 2:30pm**

**I. Call to order:**

Faculty Senate Chair Jason Reese called the meeting to order at 2:34 P.M. He distributed SFA 95 year pins to the senators, and asked Provost Dr. Steven Bullard to begin with his presentation.

**Attendance:** Provost Steven Bullard, Associate Provost Mark Guidry, Meaghen Morton, and Brielle Thomas

**Voting Senators in Attendance:** K. Ainsworth, C. Allen, T. Barrios, W. Berg, A. Campbell, C. Conn, P. Dura, C. Gregory (proxy for D. Gooch), A. Gruele, P. Griffin, A. Jones, D. Joubert., C. McKenna, J. Mehaffey, M. Montgomery, J. Morris, P. Ogale, K. Onchoke, J. Perry (proxy for Yuleinys Castillo), J. Reese, L. Rogers, C. Ryan, K. Sheriff, S. Sosebee, L. Stoehr, J. Stovall, S. Taaffe (proxy for A. Lannen), B. Uriegas, J. Weaver

**Senators not in attendance (w/o proxy):** D. Cegelka

**II. Presentations**

**A. Dr. Steve Bullard, Provost & VPAA**

Dr. Bullard informed the senators about Dr. Parades, chair of the Higher Education Coordinating Board's visit to SFA. Bullard told the senators that Dr. Parades' primary objective of the HECB's was "transferability" among all Texas institutions of higher learning. Dr. Guidry would speak more at length later, but Bullard stressed that SFA will have to conform to the "field of study" common curriculum guidelines for the first two-year requirements. We may have to modify some of our courses in the future to conform to these guidelines. He further made sure that the senate understood that SACs, during our upcoming accreditation process, would be examining the same issues.

**B. B. Dr. Marc Guidry, Associate Provost – Field of Study**

Dr. Guidry expanded on and gave details on how the "field of study" initiative would affect the university's curriculum. He explained how when we adopt common numbering, when students take courses at other institutions in the state, SFA *has* to accept those courses and transfers, and we cannot require them to take the course again, or take another course in its place.

III. Break – Committee Breakout Session (if needed)

IV. Approval of Minutes from Meeting #455

Senate Chair Reese asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of Meeting #455. There were none, so he asked for a motion of approval. Senator Stoehr motioned to accept, and Senator McKenna seconded. The motion was carried by acclimation.

V. Officer Reports

The officers reported on their specific activities since the last senate meeting

- A. Chair – Dr. Jason Reese
- B. Chair-Elect – Dr. Jeremy Stovall
- C. Secretary – Dr. Scott
- D. Treasurer – Dr. Paula Griffin

VI. Committee Reports

A. External (University) Committees

- 1. Academic Affairs (Reese)
- 2. Core Curriculum Assessment & Advisory Committees (Sosebee)
- 3. University Assessment Steering Council (Stoehr)
- 4. Distance Education (Montgomery, Onchoke, Griffin, Sheriff)
- 5. Graduate Council (Stovall)
- 6. Policy (Jones, Barrios, Lannen)
- 7. Ad Hoc Committees
  - a. Chief of Police Search (Reese)
  - b. Assistant Chief of Police Search (Stovall)
  - c. SACS-COC (Griffin)
  - d. Student Retention (MeHaffey)
  - e. Chosen Name Committee (Conn)

C. Internal (FS) Committees

- 1. Academic Affairs (Stoehr)
- 2. Administration and Finance (Griffin)
- 3. Communications (Conn)
- 4. Elections (Jones)
- 5. Ethics (Morris)
- 6. Faculty Government and Involvement (MeHaffey)

7. Professional Welfare (Dutra)
8. Strategic Planning (Stovall)
9. Family Welfare Ad Hoc Committee (Conn)

## VII. Old Business

### Family Forum Follow-Up:

Chair C.C. Conn reported on the activities of the ad hoc committee on Children on Campus. She reported that the committee is continuing to work on a document to send to the policy committee, and that the data collected from the distributed survey, and discussion within the senate would be included in the forwarded document. The committee would further report in February.

After discussion concerning action on the issue, and how to respond to HR and administration concerning the issue, the central concern was that the policy committee would consider the Children in the Workplace policy before the Senate had a chance to respond with their concerns. Thus, a resolution was proposed authorizing Chair Reese to request that the policy not go before the Board of Regents until April. The reason for this request is that the Faculty Senate would like for the Faculty Senate Family Welfare Ad Hoc Committee to meet with Loretta Doty again to request some revisions to the newest version of the policy. The hope is that entire Faculty Senate be allowed to see the final version of the policy during its next regularly scheduled meeting on February 13th, with a final comment from the Faculty Senate coming by February 18th. This would allow a month for the various committees to review it prior to it being due to the Board of Regents by March 18th, for consideration in the April Board meeting.

Senator Gooch made the motion for acceptance, Senator Stoehr seconded it, and the Senate approved the motion unanimously.

## VII. New Business

There being no new business, Chair Reese asked for a motion to adjourn. Senator Morris made such a motion, Senator Griffin seconded, and it passed by acclamation.